(b) to (d) All Doordarshan transmitters in the State except the VLPT at Jashpurnagar carry the said news bulletin. The latter is technically equipped to relay only the DD-I channel.

Exploitation in film industry

4106. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a number of young people are being sexually exploited by the film industry people in the name of giving them opportunities as revealed in a recent scoop by a TV channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to check this unhealthy trend, which threatens to destroy the basic fabric of the society?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) A TV channel had reported an instance of an attempt at such exploitation. However, according to information received from Film Federation of India (FFI), the apex body representing the film industry, no such cases have come to their knowledge.

(c) Film industry in India is in the private sector and are subject to all the laws of the land that prohibit such actions.

Cancellation of uplinking licenses of private news channels

†4107. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of cancelling uplinking licences of those private news channels throughout the country which telecast objectionable programmes or which contravene rules;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no stringent action has been taken so far against the open telecast of sex scandals recently; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, for how long Government would keep on pretending that it would run campaign against telecast of obscene programmes by these channels and by when the existing laws would be strictly implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A show cause notice has been issued recently to one of the news channels for telecast of an alleged sex scandal.

In another case, the permission of uplinking of one entertainment channel was suspended for a period fo 30 days for violating the Programme Code by telecasting a movie with objectionable content. Government is taking suitable steps against erring channels from time to time.

Advertisement in Panchjanya

4108. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an advertisement in the Newspaper 'Panchjanya' on the 7th March, 2004 for an event/function much later than the actual date of function;

(b) whether it is not a violation of the guidelines issued by not giving the advertisement through DAVP; and

(c) how much payment has been made against such advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No advertisement was issued through DAVP. However, facts are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

DTH licence for Space TV

4109. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: